



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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H.R. 5413: Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2018

Background:

This legislation would allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit members of Congress to use the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) facilities for constituent meetings and related purposes. H.R. 5413 would help members of Congress improve their availability and better serve their constituents. This legislation would allow a member of Congress to request that a VA meeting space be available to them during normal business hours. Furthermore, the VA would not be allowed to prohibit any member from advertising their use of the facility.

The Message:

- H.R. 5413 would better enable members of Congress to serve their constituents.
- This would allow VA to serve as a space that members of Congress are able to interface with their veteran constituents.
- This legislation helps link members of Congress and VA, and enables both to better serve the veteran community.